(b) An amount of Rs. 187 crores (excluding cost of free supply items) including 45 crores towards advance payment has been released so far.

Electrification of Delhi—Jaipur—Mehsana—Ahmedabad Rail Lines

†1419. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for electrification of the Delhi, Jaipur, Mehsana, Ahmedabad lines under the scheme for electrification of rail lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) At present, there is no proposal to take up electrification of Delhi-Jaipur-Mehsana- Ahmedabad section, due to relative priority for electrification of other high density routes and resource constraints.

Award to Driver of Ashram Express

†1420. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at Mawal Railway station in Ajmer Division in the Centre of Palanpur and Abu Road of Western Railway, Ashram Express Rail accident could be a major accident, but due to the driver's alertness the Railways suffered very small loss;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to give an award to the said driver; and

(c) if so, what and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gauge Conversion in Gujarat

†1421. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of rail lines of various gauges in terms of Kilometres, in Gujarat planned to be converted into broad gauge between the year 2000 and 2001;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.